

Pierce County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 6:00PM

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner David Lowman gave an invocation and Commissioner Randy Dixon led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Public Hearing Minutes, October 5, 2021
  - b. Regular Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2021

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

5. Public Comment
  - a. Ala Mae Myles, Patterson to discuss when Ala Mae Lane will be fixed. Ms Myles shared that she has a petition with 25 names of people that want the road fixed. Chairman Bennett stated that a certified letter has been sent that we have determined that Ala Mae Lane is a 20ft easement and not a county road. There is no record that we have ownership and that we will no longer do any maintenance on the road. The property owners who adjoin the easement can petition for the county to take the road for maintenance. All the owners must sign the petition. Ms Myles stated she will get the signatures.
  - b. Carl Boyette, Bob Bowen Rd – back taxes on parcel 02LL4 LD9 TR1 PL17-39. Mr Boyette thanked the Commission for listening to his request. He began by stating that he is not trying to get away with not paying what he owes in taxes. He purchased 2 acres in October of 2019 and should not have been responsible for the 2019 property taxes on the land. The property was in foreclosure. He believes he should have received the 2020 tax bill but he didn't. There was a meeting with the Chairman and Tax Commissioner and this was discussed, the back taxes were talked about and he was told to wait for the updated 2020 bill. He received that bill and paid it in full. Then when the 2021 bill was received there is back taxes listed on the bill again. He just wants the issue resolved so

the taxes will be current, has been trying to resolve this for two years. Chairman Bennett stated that they would continue to look into this and get back with him.

- c. Sarah Gove, Pierce County Chamber – Just wanted to come and share our Shop Small Christmas Crawl that starts November 27. We have 30 businesses participating so far and there will be a drawing at the end of 3 weeks for \$700.00 in gift cards and prizes.
6. Recognition of Addyson Walker as 2021 GPRA State Champion Girls 15 and under. Will Watson, Recreation Director shared that Ms Walker and her parents put a lot of time and effort into this win that she brought home to Pierce County and we are very proud of what she has accomplished.
7. County Manager Report and September 2021 Financials.

**Financial Report & County Manager Report**

November 2, 2021

- **Financial Report as of 09/30/2021**

- a. We are in a strong fiscal position, but we are monitoring the increased costs of fuel and utilities to make sure we continue to remain in this position.
- b. Sales tax revenues continue to trend higher than last year

- **County Manager's Report**

- a. ***Departmental updates:***

- i. **Parks & Recreation**

- 1. Revenues through September have exceeded the budgeted revenues by \$31,259.70
    - 2. On track to be one of the highest revenue generating years in quite some time
    - 3. Expenses are within the budgeted expenses, but certain areas are higher than normal due to increased participation numbers (e.g., football helmets)
    - 4. Batting cage shelter has been erected and the cable and netting systems are now being priced out to determine whether a bid will be required
    - 5. Basketball registration is in progress
    - 6. A basketball camp will be held during the morning of November 22, 2021
    - 7. I have received numerous praises regarding the improved operations of the Parks & Recreation

- ii. **Jail Addition**

- 1. Jail addition should be complete and turned over to the Sheriff on December 10, 2021
    - 2. Once accepted, inmates will be transferred into the new addition and renovations on the locking systems on the existing building will commence so that both systems work in unison
    - 3. Entire project is expected to be complete in April due to supply chain issues with the locks for the existing jail.

- iii. **Fire/EMA**

- 1. Hazard Mitigation Plan is nearing completion
    - 2. ISO visit went very well. Chief Nino is providing some requested training records and other materials requested by the auditor for review. Once complete, we should receive our rating status. According to Chief Nino, everything seems to have gone extremely well thanks to the progress the Commission has made in making sure we get everything updated as needed.

- b. ***Current and Upcoming Projects***

- i. Comprehensive Plan Update meeting took place in Waycross. This update will take the entire community's participation to make certain we continue to move in a progressive direction for an even brighter future for Pierce County.

- ii. Redistricting data is being review locally, and at the state and national levels. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission has developed an application which will allow us to easily see the changes in each census tract and the information

8. Discussion and request to approve amendment to agreement between Pierce County and South Georgia Emergency Medical Service. Commissioner David Lowman stated that this deal was done when he came on board and he wants to make sure that we are getting the best for Pierce County. Would really like to see some prior year cost comparisons and look at re-bidding the contract. He would like to see the collections for the last 3 years as well. Recommend that this subject tabled.

9. Discussion and request to approve the purchase of a heat exchanger for the Daikin Chiller at the Southeast Georgia Regional Agriculture Center building. The repair costs are \$21,874.31. We have been in contact with our insurance carrier to file a claim. There is the opportunity to rent a portable unit while the repairs are being made that will be a maximum of \$6,000.00 per month for 3 months and we anticipate that the insurance will pay the claim on this repair. Daikin has said they are not going to warranty because we should have installed a filtration system and this problem would not have occurred.

Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the repair cost request for \$21,874.31 and to rent the portable unit while we are waiting on the repairs. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

10. Discussion and request to approve the purchase of (5) five dump tanks for the Pierce County Volunteer Fire Department not to exceed \$17,000 from the General Fund Budget.

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 dump tanks for the fire department at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

11. Discussion and request to approve the annual bids  
a. Culvert Pipe – Cherokee Culvert

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Bid Tabulation Sheet	
Annual Culvert Pipe Contract	
2021	
Cherokee Culvert	
<b>Pipe</b>	
Aluminized Steel (per foot)	
18	\$25.23
24	\$33.08
36	\$51.00
Polymer (per foot)	
18	\$34.10
24	\$44.51
36	\$68.72
Polyethylene (per foot)	
18	\$21.18
24	\$29.90
36	\$49.73
<b>Bands</b>	
Aluminized Steel (per foot)	
18	\$25.23
24	\$33.08
36	\$51.00
Polymer (per foot)	
18	\$34.10
24	\$44.51
36	\$68.72
Polyethylene (per foot)	
18	\$21.18
24	\$29.90
36	\$49.73
<b>Flares</b>	
Aluminized Steel (per foot)	
18	\$155.32
24	\$222.70
36	\$600.40
Polymer (per foot)	
18	NO BID
24	NO BID
36	NO BID
Polyethylene (per foot)	
18	NO BID
24	NO BID
36	NO BID

b. Annual Fire Extinguisher/Jail Hood Systems – Loftin

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Bid Tabulation Sheet	
Annual Fire Extinguisher/Jail Hood Systems	
2021	
Loftin Fire	
<b>Fire Extinguisher</b>	
<b>New Extinguisher</b>	
2.5 lb.	\$ 42.00
5 lb.	\$ 57.00
10 lb.	\$ 95.00
20 lb.	\$ 125.00
<b>Recharge Extinguisher</b>	
2.5 lb.	\$ 15.00
5 lb.	\$ 19.50
10 lb.	\$ 30.00
20 lb.	\$ 49.00
<b>Hyd. Retest</b>	
High	\$ 12.00
Low	\$ 12.00
<b>Inspections</b>	
Annual	\$ 3.50
<b>Hood System Inspection</b>	
Per Inspection	\$ 85.00
<b>Additional Costs</b>	
Per Fusible Link replaced	\$ 9.00
Per Co2 Cartridge replaced	\$ 12.00
O-rings replaced	\$ -
Rplacement Gauge	\$ -
Valve stem	\$ -
Pull pins	\$ -
Verification collars	\$ -
Loftin Fire Services, Inc	LaGrange, GA

c. Pest Control – Sunbelt Termite and Pest Control

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Annual Pest Control Contract		
2021 Bid Tabulation		
	Cost of Service	
	Monthly	Yearly
Knox Pest control	\$ 373.00	\$ 4,476.00
Sunbelt Termite & Pest Control	\$ 240.00	\$ 2,880.00

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the recommended bids from Cherokee Culvert, Loftin Fire and Sunbelt Termite & Pest Control. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

12. Discussion and request to approve Resolution 2021.11.02.01 electing to no longer require mobile home decals.

RESOLUTION OF PIERCE COUNTY, GEORGIA ELECTING  
NOT TO REQUIRE MOBILE HOME DECALS  
2021.11.02.01

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 193 was passed in the 2021-2022 Regular Session of the Georgia General Assembly, and was signed by the Governor and became effective on the 6th day of May 2021;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 193 amended O.C.G.A. § 48-5-492(a) to allow the governing authority of the county in which the mobile home is located to opt out of the requirement to issue mobile home decals as evidence of a mobile home location permit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-263(11), the appraiser of the County shall, in counties that elect to require decals pursuant to Code Section 48-5-492 inspect mobile homes located in the count to determine if the proper decal is attached to and displayed on the mobile home by the owner as provided by law; notify the residents of those mobile homes to which a decal is not attached of a provisions of Code Sections 48-5-492 and 48-5-493; and to furnish to the tax collector or tax commissioner a periodic list of those mobile homes to which a decal is not attached; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Pierce County elects not to require mobile home location decals pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-492(a);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and as authorized by O.C.G.A. §48-5-492(a), the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County, resolves and elects not to require mobile home location decals in Pierce County, Georgia, and hereby relieves the Tax Commissioners of Pierce County and the appraiser of Pierce County of any requirements under the law, whether pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-5-263 and O.C.G.A. §48-5-492 et seq. or otherwise related to the issuance, inspection and enforcement of mobile home location decals, and any and all other responsibilities that may have been otherwise required due to the issuance of mobile home location decals.

REPEALER

All previous Resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County in conflict herewith are hereby superseded and repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall be effective upon adoption. It shall remain in full force and effect until superseded or repealed.

SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of November, 2021.

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Neal Bennett, Chairman

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Harold Rozier, District 1

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Mike Streat, District 2

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Randy Dixon, District 3

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David Lowman, District 4

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ATTEST (County Clerk-Seal)

Commissioner Harold Rozier made a motion to approve Resolution 2021.11.02.01. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

13. Discussion and request to approve the Employee Medical Plan recommendation from Lighthouse Benefits for the 2022 Plan Year. Chairman Bennett stated that the

recommendation is to move to a traditional BCBS Plan which will result in premium increase for the year of \$40,230.00. He also asked that the county cover half of the increase so the employee doesn't carry all of the increase.

Anthem BCBS POS – OAP5 3500/ 20% Plan with the following rates

Employee	\$634.21
Employee + Spouse	\$1,331.84
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,236.71
Employee + Family	\$1,934.34

Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to make the change to the BCBS Plan as presented. Commissioner Harold Rozier seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion was approved.

14. Adjourn – Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:02PM.

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